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INTERNATIONAL LITERACY YEAR



Conferences...Workshops...Events

The Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology is now accepting applications for literacy projects (to be cost shared with the National Literacy Secretariat).

Projects can be initiated by colleges, school districts, or non-profit societies. Applications must be submitted through a community college. For funding consideration projects must be directed toward areas such as the following: information dissemination, public awareness, community action, practitioner training, and development of learning materials and networks. Deadline for applications is March 1, 1990. Copies of the Stage 1 application form can be obtained from Norma Kidd, Provincial Literacy Coordinator, 387-6174, or her secretary, Erma Carmichael, 387-6189.

A meeting, chaired by Norma Kidd, of representatives from B.C.'s 30 cost-shared projects for 1989-90 was held at Kwantlen College, Richmond Campus, on Friday, January 19. The projects are diverse and

serve, for example, native peoples, the hearing impaired, francophones, and the learning disabled. A description of all the current cost-shared projects is available on request from the Contact Centre.

The Radio Access for Literacy project is underway at Vancouver Co-op Radio and the Carnegie Learning Centre. Groups of learners and volunteer tutors meet for regular radio skills workshops and literacy tutoring. Broadcasts will be aired this spring. To refer learners from the Vancouver area to the project, call Brenda or Helene at 684-8494.

The Adult Literacy Contact Centre is a project of the Adult Basic Education Association of B.C. We provide information and encouragement by phone to adults who want to upgrade their skills through adult basic education. Our toll-free number for learners outside the lower mainland is:

1-800-663-1293

LITERACY B.C. UPDATE

PL KELOWNA

President: Betty Knox (764-4567)
 Coordinator: Maxine Veach
 (762-2163)
 P.O. Box 1886, Station A,
 Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 8P2

PL Kelowna offers ongoing tutor training sessions, information and referral services, and space for both tutors and learners. A book of learners' writings is planned for this year, funded by the "Give the Gift of Literacy" organization.

PL PARKSVILLE

Contact: Linda Perkins
 Box 42,
 Parksville, B.C.
 V0R 2S0
 Phone: 248-4334 (Malaspina
 College)

The group has just completed its first set of tutor training sessions, with 12 active student/tutor matches, and a new set began on February 3, running every Saturday for eight weeks. The sessions take place in Parksville literacy classrooms and are a joint project between Project Literacy Parksville and Malaspina College.

PL PRINCE GEORGE

Contact: Susan Hatfield
 c/o S.D. #57,
 1894 - 9th Avenue,
 Prince George, B.C. V2M 1L7
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Over 30 people attended the founding meeting in January and the group now has more than 50 names on its mailing list. PLPG is sending delegates to the Founding Meeting of Literacy B.C. in Vancouver on March 9/10.

For its first project, PLPG plans a literacy resources survey, with a questionnaire aimed at businesses, services agencies, and educational institutions.

The first general meeting of PLPG is slated for March 2 at the School District building, 2955 - 3rd Avenue, Prince George.

PL PRINCE RUPERT

Contact: Sheila Lid
 1920 Atlin Avenue,
 Prince Rupert, B.C., V8J 1E8
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At its second meeting of February 5, Sheila Lid was elected interim Chair, and Jane Blackett, Secretary. Committees have been formed to investigate funding sources, community needs, location and local contacts. A delegate was chosen to represent the group at the March 9/10 Literacy B.C. Founding Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 5.

PL SUNSHINE COAST

Contact: Diane Evans:
 c/o Community Services,
 Volunteer Action Centre
 Box 1069,
 Sechelt, B.C., V0N 3A0
 Phone: 885-5881

The group met for the second time on February 8, and is in the process of applying for funding for a May Learners' Event. For more information contact Diane at Community Services.

PL SURREY

Contact:
 Ene Haabniit (596-7401)
 Bev Yaworski (591-4312)

Representatives from the Surrey public libraries and school district, Surrey-Delta Immigrant Services Society, Surrey Community Resource Society, municipal personnel services, Read Canada and Kwantlen college founded PL Surrey on December 12, 1989 and held a second meeting in January. The group has formed a media committee which will produce a column for local newspapers and keep the media informed of local literacy events. The next meeting is on Tuesday, February 20 at 2:30 p.m. in the Aldermen's Lounge, Surrey Municipal Hall.

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PL TERRACE

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c/o Northwest Community
College
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Terrace B.C. V8G 4C2
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PL WILLIAMS LAKE

The society now has its own
business telephone and P.O. Box.
Contact: Debby Demare
P.O. Box 4596
Williams Lake, B.C., V2G 2V6
Phone: 398-8400

PL GREATER VANCOUVER

Contact: Mardi Joyce
The Learning Front
217 Main Street
Vancouver, B.C., V6A 2S7
Phone: 662-7642

PLGV hosts a presentation titled
"Libraries and Literacy" at its
next meeting Friday, February 23,
King Edward Campus, Vancouver
Community College, 1155 E.
Broadway, Vancouver, 9 a.m.
The presentation will provide
information on the role of libraries
and literacy and help providers in
using libraries to their best
advantage. Presenters are Linda
Kalman, Carnegie Library, and
Thomas Quigley, Vancouver
Public Library. A policy meeting
to form resolutions for submission
to Literacy B.C. Founding Meet-
ing is scheduled for Thursday,
February 22 at the Learning Front.

FRASER VALLEY EAST LITERACY ASSOCIATION

Contact: Gail Newby
Phone: 858-4913

Under a recent change of name
(from PL Chilliwack), the Asso-
ciation held a mall display in
Chilliwack February 1, 2, and 3.
The Association will have a
brochure outlining its services
available soon, and plans to
sponsor the "Reading the Signs"
play some time in March. For
more information contact Gail
Newby.

PL KITIMAT

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Society
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PL NANAIMO

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Nanaimo, B.C., V9T 4S5
Phone: 758-2743

PL VICTORIA

Contact: Linda Mitchell
R.E.A.D. Society
720 Linden Avenue
Victoria, B.C., V8V 4G7
Phone: 388-4721

PL ABBOTSFORD

Contact: Wendy Watson
c/o Fraser Valley College
33844 King Road,
R.R. #2,
Abbotsford, B.C., V2S 4N2
Phone: 853-7441

The founding Meeting of LIT-
ERACY B.C. is slated for
March 9 and 10th at the Hotel
Chateau Granville, 1100 Gran-
ville Street in Vancouver. There
is no cost to attend the meeting
and limited funds are available
to subsidize travel and accom-
modation. (The coalition is
particularly anxious to assist
literacy students in attending.)

Working sessions at the meeting
will cover such topics as:

- Developing student leadership
and participation
- Support for tutor trainers
- Building networks
- Developing a 5-year strategic
plan

For more details on financial
support call Mary Alice
Johnson at 642-3671 (Sooke,
B.C.) Collect calls accepted.

**If you have any
notices for upcoming
newsletters, please
send information to
ALCC before the last
day of each month.**

Conferences, Workshops, Events...

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The Greater Vancouver Library Federation has established a Literacy Advisory Committee (LAC). Chaired by Thomas Quigley of the Vancouver Public Library, LAC will coordinate adult literacy programming and seek funding for this programming on behalf of all eight Lower Mainland Federation members. The LAC's core Literacy Collection proposal is aimed at funding collection development, publicity, promotion and library staff education. Literacy organizations who wish to put forward proposals for LAC consideration should contact Thomas Quigley at 665-2280 or Ron Clancy at 437-8441.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: The BC/Yukon Regional Office for the Secretary of State and Ministry of State for Multiculturalism and Citizenship has moved to its permanent location: 12th Floor, 800 Burrard Street Vancouver, B.C., V6Z 2N5

No, you didn't miss the January issue of the ALCC newsletter - the newsletter is now dated the month of its publication and this February issue is the first of 1990.

Notice to Librarians: "Easy Reading" labels (the international literacy symbol on stickers measuring 3/4" x 1") for the spines of library books are now available from two Canadian sources:
Carr-McLean,
461 Horner Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario M8W 4X2
Ph. (800) 268-2138
Quote Stock No. 80-079
\$2.47 /pkg. of 100, \$2.26 /10 pkgs.
Minimum order \$25.00

National Library Resources
1230 Reid Street
Richmond Hill,
Ontario L4B 1C4
Ph. (800) 268-6816
Quote Stock No. 433
\$2.10 /pkg of 100 & \$3.00 handling fee

The United Nations has declared six objectives for 1990, International Literacy Year:

- 1) To increase government action to combat illiteracy.
- 2) To increase public awareness of the scope, nature and implications of illiteracy as well as the means and conditions for combating it.
- 3) To increase popular participation, within and among countries, in efforts to combat illiteracy.
- 4) To increase co-operation and solidarity among member States in the struggle against illiteracy.
- 5) To increase co-operation within the United Nations system in the struggle.
- 6) To use ILY for launching a plan of action for the eradication of illiteracy by the year 2000.



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